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SUBJECT: BRITISH AND NIMBUS STAR

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1. AS WE SEE IT, BRITISH ARE MAKING MORE OF NIMBUS STAR PUBLICITY PROBLEM THAN IS NECESSARY. EGYPTIANS ARE ADMITTEDLY SENSITIVE TO PUBLICITY, BUT HAVE IN PRINCIPLE AGREED WITH US THAT THERE SHOULD BE REASONABLE PUBLICITY MEDIA COVERAGE OF MINE CLEARING OPERATION. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING OUT WITH EGYPTIANS MODALITIES FOR HANDLING OF PUBLICITY MEDIA INTEREST. WE HAVE SUGGESTED BRITISH EMBASSY PARTICIPATE IN THESE TALKS AND UK NAVAL ATTACHE IS DOING SO.

2. IN OUR VIEW, BRITISH HAVE HANDLED THEIR DEMARCHE TO MFA AT TOO LOW A LEVEL. IN ABSENCE UK AMBASSADOR ADAMS, HIS DEPUTY TOOK IT UP WITH UNDERSECRETARY SHOUKRI (CAIRO 1848) WHO HAS NO AUTHORITY. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH FAHMY OR ONE OF HIS IMMEDIATE ENTOURAGE. IN FACT, WE SUGGESTED TO UK DCM THAT, IN ADAMS' ABSENCE, HE DISCUSS IT WITH SIRRI.

3. IN OUR JUDGMENT, IF GOC INSISTS ON SOME SORT OF ANNOUNCEMENT  
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EARLY IN OPERATION AS FCO SEEMS TO BELIEVE WILL BE THE CASE, UK

AND CYPRIOT AMBASSADORS HERE CAN QUIETLY GO TO EGYPTIANS, PREFERABLY  
FAHMY IF HE IS BACK, AND TELL THEM SO. WHILE EGYPTIANS MAY PREFER NO  
ANNOUNCEMENT, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IN LAST ANALYSIS THEY WILL  
RESPECT GOC'S WISHES. WHAT THEY DO NOT REPEAT NOT WANT IS THE  
BRITISH TO PRESS GOC INTO INSISTING THAT A PUBLIC  
ANNOUNCEMENT IS NECESSARY.  
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